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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)	Docket Number (Optional) OSTEONICS 3.0-467
Application Number 10/678,351-Conf. #1787	Filed October 3, 2003
For PUNCH APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SURGERY	
Art Unit 3733	Examiner J. L. Swiger

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

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[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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I am the

[ ] applicant/inventor.

[ ] assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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